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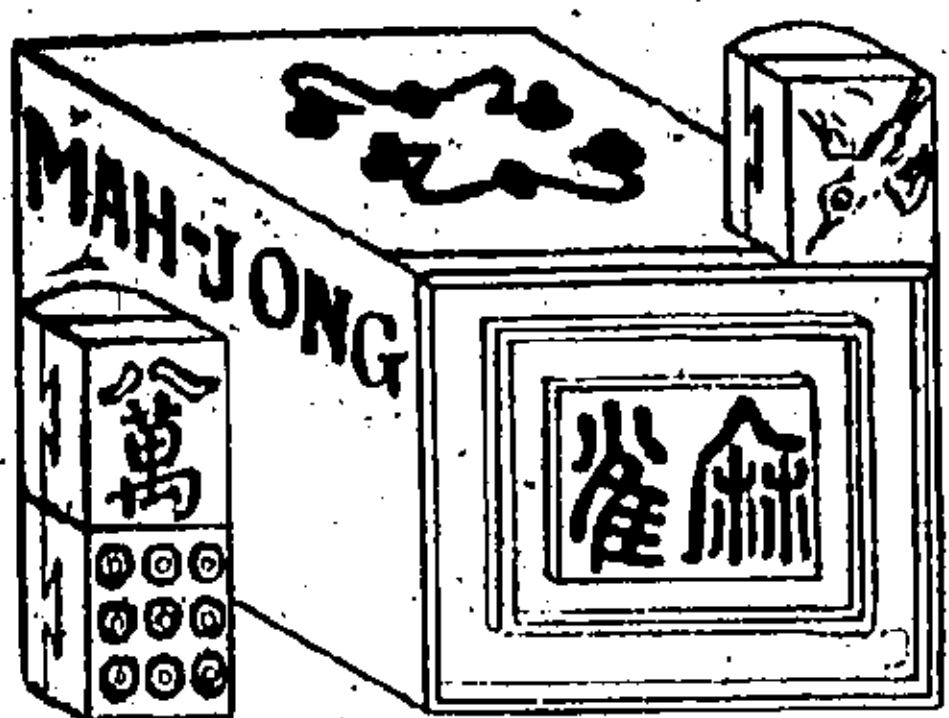
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LONDON, September 27.

Mr. Baldwin has made his first public appearance since he saw M. Poincaré. Addressing the students of the Philip Stott College near Northampton he said that the whole question of the present situation in Europe and the world must be expounded and debated at one of the early meetings of the Imperial Conference.

LATER.

Mr. Baldwin said that peace above all was his object and in that spirit he was endeavouring to deal with the situation in Europe which must be debated at an early meeting of the Imperial Conference. At present he could only say that when he assumed office there was an atmosphere of restraint, almost of distrust, between France and Britain and it had been his good fortune in his interview with M. Poincaré to help restore an atmosphere of confidence. "No more or no less but I think there is now both in Paris and in London recognition of the importance of the *entente* in this way that without it a European settlement will be far more difficult. Indeed the events of the last two or three weeks pointed that, to those who have eyes to see, the best hope of settlement lies in the intimate relationship of France and Britain."

BRITISH 'LABOURITES' DEMAND.

LONDON, September 27.

A conference between the Trade Union Congress and the executive of the Labour Party carried a resolution demanding that Mr. Baldwin immediately convene Parliament in view of the gravity of the situation in Germany and its consequent inevitable effect on trade and employment in Britain.

BAVARIAN BOTHER.

TALK OF REVOLUTION.

GERMAN GOVERNMENT SURPRISED.

BERLIN, September 27.

It appears that Herr Ebert signed a decree proclaiming a state of emergency throughout Germany immediately after a meeting of the Imperial Government which was convoked at midnight in consequence of the news of the appointment of the Bavarian Dictator. That completely surprised the Government as the aims of his organisation have hitherto been regarded as practically indistinguishable from those of Hitler's. According to a telegram from Munich, Von Kahr's first action was to prohibit the fourteen mass meetings arranged by the National Socialists to-night unless Hitler guaranteed there would be no disorder.

LUDENDORFF WARNED OFF.

MUNICH, September 27.

The Bavarian people's party organ in an attack on General Ludendorff who it is well known is behind the Hitler movement, warns him that if he provokes a revolution he is fulfilling French hopes, as the latter will intervene. General Ludendorff has replied denying the least intention to procure a revolution.

COLLISION IN SAXONY.

BERLIN, September 27.

During the collisions last night at Annaberg in Saxony between nationalists and workmen 1 was killed and 25 injured.

SEAPLANE CONTEST.

BRITISH MACHINE CAPSIZES.

LONDON, September 27.

At Cowes the contest for the Schneider Cup opened inauspiciously. The British seaplane "Blackburn-Napier" taxied across the starting line and after heading westward lost its balance, capsized and sank. Her pilot was not hurt.

A RECORD.

BRITISH ACHIEVEMENT.

LONDON, September 27.

Mr. Robertson, piloting an eleven seater de Havilland 34 aeroplane, flew from Berlin to London in six hours establishing a record.

A GLORIOUS CHAPTER.

EARL FRENCH'S TRIBUTE
TO TERRITORIALS.

The Earl of Ypres, who was the principal guest at the distribution of prizes won by the Queen's Westminster and Civil Service Rifles, at Queen's Hall, Buckingham-gate, in last week, paid high tribute to the work done by the Territorials in the war, and said that when the history of the war could be written in true perspective the record of the Territorials would constitute a glorious chapter.

The Field-Marshal, presenting the prizes, said the Queen's Westminster and Civil Service Rifles were amongst the best battalions

in the Territorial Army. Speaking as Commander-in-Chief in the field at a period during the great war, he felt that the nation owed the greatest debt of gratitude to the Territorials for their splendid response, and for relieving him of a great anxiety at a critical time. (Cheers.)

After reviewing the record of the service of those units represented there on that occasion and describing it as a very great and a splendid record, he proceeded to consider the Territorial Force to be of the utmost value to the country, and to consider it to be of far greater value now than it ever was before. Our financial necessities allow us to keep up hardly any standing army at all. It has gone down to almost nothing, and was we should do without

the Territorials, or where we should be, I do not know at all. (Cheers.) They were a really splendid substitute for what the country wanted—a standing army. The country could rely upon them and their value was now ten times more than it was before. He congratulated them upon their success, and trusted that they would go on from strength to strength. He asked them to accept from him the gift of a German gun captured at the Battle of Loos, which had been presented to him by the Government.

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RUHR MINES STRIKE.

MEN OUT OF CONTROL.

(Reuter's Service to the China Mail.)

Düsseldorf, September 27.

The Ruhr Communists have declared a general strike in the mines. The Trade Unions have lost control of the situation and are unable to influence the men. Work has already ceased on 5 or 6 mines in the districts of Rockingham, Gelsenkirchen and Wanne.

RESISTANCE ORDERS RESCINDED.

BERLIN, September 28.

A Gazette rescinds all passive resistance orders.

HANDED BACK.

ITALIANS EVACUATE CORFU.

ATHENS, September 26.

Corfu was handed over to the Greeks this morning.

STILL SUSPICIOUS?

CORFU, September 27.

The town is in perfect order under the resumed civil administration. No threats have been made against Italian citizens, hence the population was surprised to see four Italian dreadnoughts and seven destroyers reappear from behind the island of Vido and anchor before the town. The cause of their reappearance is not known.

GOVERNOR WELCOMED BACK.

LATER.

The apprehensions of the population were dispelled when the evacuation began. The Italian flag was lowered amid salutes from the Italian fleet and a Greek destroyer. The Italian flagship saluted the Greek flag when it was hoisted. Forty thousand Carpiotes welcomed the Governor when he landed and shouldered him to the prefecture. British and French flags were waved by the crowd which demonstrated enthusiastically in front of the British and French consulates.

ATHENS DEPRESSED.

ATHENS, September 22.

The news of the evacuation was almost unobserved owing to the general depression, Italy obtaining practically everything demanded.

CASH WANTED.

LONDON, September 27.

The Italians have not yet completed the evacuation of Corfu, for although the troops have left it is stated in Rome that the Italian squadron was ordered to remain anchored in the roadstead until Italy actually receives the 50,000,000 lire payable by Greece.

OPIUM EVIL.

WORLD CONFERENCES WANTED.

GENEVA, September 27.

The League of Nations Assembly adopted resolutions submitted by the Opium Committee, including a resolution urging countries which have not yet ratified the Opium Convention of 1912 to do so soon and apply its provisions. Mr. Chao Hsin-chu declared that the best means to control the traffic were to ratify and apply the Convention. Dame Edith Lytton announced that Britain approved the proposal for two conferences—firstly a conference of interested governments to devise practical measures to reduce the consumption of opium in countries where its use was temporarily maintained and especially for the suppression of opium production in China and secondly a conference of all the members of the League and all parties of the Convention of 1912. The Maharajah Nawanagar declared that the Government of India would co-operate with the League while Mirza Riza (Persia) urged that the economic character of opium production in Persia required consideration.

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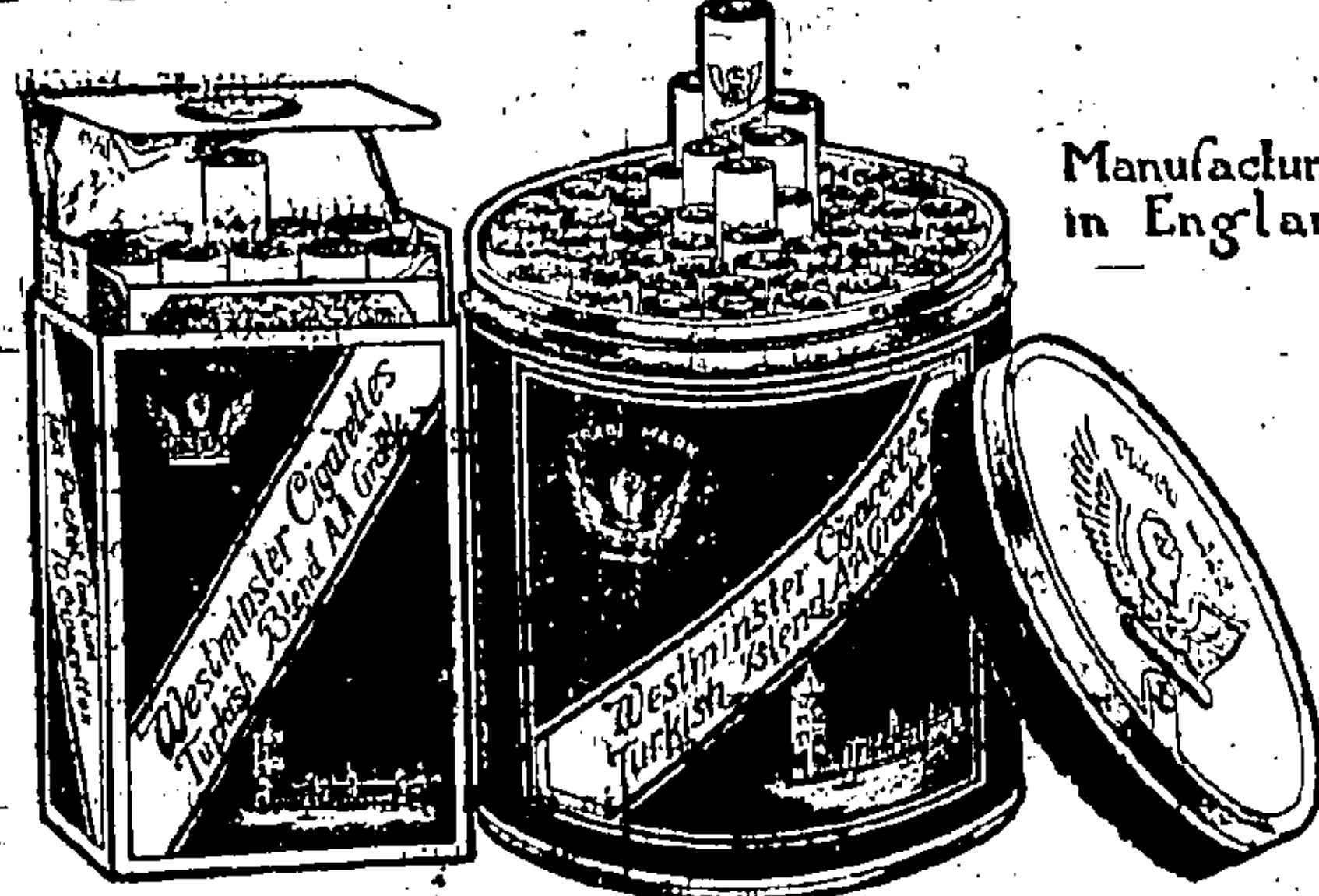
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Recently, Edward Stevenson caught a gigantic sturgeon in the Saskatchewan River, near Edmonton. It was 5½ feet long, weighed 75 lbs. and had a tail spread of 9 inches. It had reached the place, where it was captured after a journey of 1000 miles from Hudson's Bay, through the rivers and lakes of Manitoba, Saskatchewan and Alberta. It was caught by using part of a sucker as bait and landed after some careful playing on a line that, ordinarily, would not bear more than 50 lbs. dead weight. When Mr. Stevenson had tired the fish out, he dashed into the water, seized it by the tail and dragged it ashore.

"Forbidden," But Flourishing.

Gambling is prohibited in Austria and liable to heavy punishment, and recently a list of no less than twenty-one forbidden games was published. Nevertheless, gambling casinos have been opened in several places, especially in the Tirol, under the pretext of the benefit of the Alpine regions. The gambling establishments are flourishing, and they include Gasthof, Igls, near Innsbruck; Perschau, by the Achensee; and popular Kitzbuhel, while Innsbruck itself is to be added shortly to the number. In all those places large sums had to be paid in advance for the concession, and usually half the profits must be paid to the municipality, which has this motive for defiance of the law. Most of the croppers are said to be Austrian ex-officers.

A New Bishop.

The translation of the Bishop of Truro to the see of Chelmsford will be generally approved of, except in Cornwall, where his departure is greatly regretted, the more as he is leaving just when he has warned to his work in the diocese. Dr. Warman will certainly be most suitably placed in his new diocese, which is a thoroughly evangelical centre; but he is free from any narrow party feeling, and his relations (both as vicar of Bradford and as Bishop of Truro) with the clergy of other schools, as well as the Nonconformists, have been most cordial. He has taken an energetic part in all public and local affairs, and he is an admirable preacher and speaker, with a fund of versatile energy. Dr. Warman is a brother of Mrs. Earle, wife of Professor Earle of the Hongkong University.

London's Sweetest Organ.The Worshipful Company of Parish Clerks have in their hall an organ built in 1660 which, according to connoisseurs who have listened to both, is fully as sweet-toned as the organ of the Temple Church. It was acquired—as the minutes of the Company show—to enable members "the better to perform a service incumbent upon them before the Lord Mayor and Aldermen on Michaelmas Day, and also the better to enable those who already are or hereafter shall be parish clerks of the City and Westminster in performing their duties in the several parishes to which they stand related." Nowadays (H. W. writes in the *Morning Post*) it is rarely heard except at the Company dinners, when it diffuses a flow of soft music while the members chant the old grace, "For these and all Thy mercies given, we bless and praise Thy name, O Lord."**A Woman's Problems.**

Let us consider, for example, jury-women. The learned Judge is apt to turn kindly to the honest twelve and remark, "There are some (or there is one) unmarried women in the jury. They (or she) may retire before the hearing of this case." (There are also, probably, some unmarried men among the jury, but judges do not seem to think that these have minds capable of tamish from anything they may hear. It is, for some odd reason, only women whom marriage is supposed to harden from sensitiveness to insensibility. These things are a mystery.) So here is the problem. Is the unmarried jury-woman to retire at the Judge's word, like a child ordered out of the room before a private conversation, and look a fool? Or is she to stay where she is and be thought a hard-doned, insensible, and unwomanly creature? Or is she to raise a question about what marriage has to do with it and why marriage affects only one sex, and be thought insubordinate and over-inquiring? Or is she to depart, but with an explanation, remarking that she does not in the least object to hearing anything, but that she has business

elsewhere and would rather attend to it, and be thought unworthy of the rights of a citizen? Or is she to pretend not to hear, and be thought deaf or half-witted? I offer no solution; I merely state the problem. Often—alas! too often—there are no servants. Then someone, of one sex or another, it does not matter which, has got to do something about it. Men have proved themselves far cleverer than women in shelling this onerous duty. A tradition has now for long been established that cooking and cleaning are woman's work. As these occupations are among the most tiresome which humanity has to endure, this tradition is very unfortunate for women. But there it is; and the problem is how to get what is needful done as rapidly as possible, so that one can go and do something else, more lucrative, interesting, or amusing. There must be something to eat at stated intervals and the house or the flat must be about as clean as the houses and flats of one's acquaintances. It sounds simple, but actually to secure both these results will often be found to take the entire time. All the time there is. And that is so tragically little. None left over for reading, writing, walking, sitting in woods, playing games, making love, merely existing without effort. And ever at your back you hear Time's winged chariot hurrying near. And so the grave yawns, and at the end you will be able to say, not "I have warmed both hands before the fire of life," but "I have kept House." The only solution of this problem which I can suggest—and I almost hesitate to do so in these pages—is, Do not keep house. Let the house, or flat, go unkept. Let it go to the devil, and see what happens when it has gone there. At the worst, a house unkept cannot be so distressing as a life un-lived.—Rose Macaulay in *Good Housekeeping*.**Too "Pro-British."**

About a year and a half ago Mayor Hylan, of New York, received complaints from various quarters that the text-books on American history in use in the schools contained "pro-British and un-American" sentiments. He immediately ordered an examination of the offending books. Mr. David Hirschfeld, Commissioner of Accounts, being appointed to the task. The result has been that eight text-books have been banned for containing a post-war tone of undue friendliness towards Great Britain, and for suppressing the "consecrated maxims," such as "Taxation without representation is tyranny." Mr. Hirschfeld's report, although voluminous and detailed, has received little attention from the Press. One Superintendent of Schools is reported as saying that "The very idea of the Commissioner of Accounts investigating such a subject as the teaching of history in the public schools is highly amusing."

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HONGKONG, FRIDAY, SEPT. 28, 1923.

A CHANGE

The news from Japan is less lurid than it was formerly, despite the alarmist reports of a certain set of irresponsibles, happily contradicted. The praiseworthy efforts of our local Relief Committee—duplicated doubtless in other large centres, indicate the trend of events and show that relief is steadily pouring into the stricken areas of Japan. Other news is that Japan herself is grappling manfully with the tremendous problems necessarily the outcome of the calamitous catastrophe she has had to face. Soon, Tokyo and Yokohama will rise phoenix-like to newer and we hope better things, and Japan will again take her place in the family of nations carrying out domestic reforms and tackling the national and larger and more difficult problems that face most nations. What those problems are and how they will be dealt with the future alone will tell. It was obvious to all that Japan's outlook was German in thought. The Nation's institutions were founded and carried on in the thorough manner commonly attributed to Germany, and it was only necessary to glance at such things as education, and medicine to bear this out. Her military organisation is if we mistake not, modelled on the German plan, a system held to be almost impossible of improvement, whilst the outlook of the country appeared to be militaristic in aim. It is quite likely that the outcome of the great war put a different complexion on matters and made the thinking part of this Island people begin to realise that big battalions were not necessarily the only things, and that if expansion was to be achieved, militarism as a medium would not avail. By Japanese calculations Germany should have won the war, and there came a further shock when Japan's occupation of East

if not of heart. It remains to be seen if this outlook or change is to continue. Japan's tribulation has been great, but its greatness has called forth an equal measure of goodwill and sympathy which will probably not be forgotten by the Japanese (till the end of time, and which will help to shape the course of her destiny, or at any rate to guide it in the channels that lead to peace and prosperity.

Clearing The Air.

The thanks of the racing community are due to Mr. Henry Humphreys and Colonel Hall Brutton for the straightforward expression of what they consider to be the "fly in the ointment," which prevents good starts at gymkhana meetings. They have certainly not minced matters—which in many ways is all to the good. We hope to be able to publish the views of some of the jockeys themselves in the near future. We fully realize that there are two sides to the question. In the meantime, we feel assured that no local gentleman rider will take umbrage at what at first blush—may appear to be an attempt to relieve the stewards and starters of all responsibility for bad starts. We are fully aware from our own experience that there must be mutual confidence between starter and jockey if good starts—for want of a better term—are to be the order of the day. We can place ourselves in the position of a jockey who receives the following orders from an owner, say in a 1 furlong race, "jump away at every opportunity, the pony is handy—and run no risk of getting left." Our jockey arrives at the post and due to some unforeseen circumstance gets left while the others get a "flying start." The owner hails him over the rails and he determines in future to try and beat the flag on every occasion. In consequence he finds himself in the starter's black books. Now that it has been decided that rule 95 of the Rules of Racing of the Hongkong Jockey Club—"Under no circumstances shall there be a flying start of the horses in a race"—is to be enforced, jockeys will have more confidence than formerly and, provided there is a medium of give and take, we feel certain we shall hear fewer complaints of bad starts. In the event of the rule not being adhered to, it will be the duty of the stewards to thresh out complaints from jockeys and owners and, if they consider any pony has been placed at a disadvantage, they must order the race to be run over again.

"Land of the Golden Mountain."

Appropos of the destruction of valuable documents in Tokyo as the result of the earthquake disaster, it is interesting to recall the San Francisco calamity in the light of the effect it had upon Chinese immigrants. It is believed that most of the records relating to Chinese immigrants were destroyed and new ones had to be issued in their place. A good many Chinese, with the connivance of some Americans whose scruples were not too pronounced, so the story goes, took advantage of the confusion and ultimately were allowed into the States on the strength of their statements that they had previously been admitted.

It is a well-known fact that Chinese—principally natives of Sze Yip—will pay as much as \$2,000 to get into the States as an American subject. Others gain admission as merchants and students although a percentage of these two categories are *bona fide*. Certain classes have the privilege of bringing their children to the Promised Land and in the connection many entertaining stories are told. It has been said that nearly every Chinese male with a right to domicile in the U.S.A. invariably registers with the Customs, about the highest number of sons a man could possibly have at the respective ages. Customs officials have been known to remark that Chinese entering the States seem to have the monopoly of blessing in the way of children who are nearly all boys. This is because in later years others can avail themselves of the privilege of the registration. A common saying amongst Sze Yip Chinese is that if a man invests a couple of thousand dollars or so in an American nationality certificate and is able to register on his arrival at "Frisco," the fact that he has a few sons, his capital and interest will be more than repaid in the future as others will be forthcoming to buy the privilege of being, nominally, his sons. A Chinese returning to the States after a holiday of a year or so will usually tell the Customs that he was presented with a son just prior to his leaving Hongkong. This great anxiety to get to the "Land of the Golden Mountain," the colloquial name for America which originated from the California gold rush in the '50s, is due principally to the poverty of the soil in the Sze Yip. On paying about \$2,000 a Chinese can, without any skill, secure a handsome return as a laundryman, domestic servant or

farm-hand. By adhering to their home style of living they can build up a nest-egg for the return to China. During the last two decades, a minority have invested their savings in the States and built up profitable businesses.

No pains are spared by the Customs and Immigration people to check dishonesty. Members of the services are encouraged to study not only the Sze Yip dialects but to acquaint themselves with the most minute details of the various villages and their peculiarities. An intending immigrant may be subjected to a searching cross-examination in which such trifles as the interior of the village school, the number of pigs kept by a family, and the weight of the pet dog may be asked to prevent improper claims of relationship to Chinese who have become American subjects.

At all times of the year large numbers travel back and forth. In Hongkong, the firms known as California exporters, are the caterers for the travellers and their friends, the latter being continually sought by the companions of the liner companies. These firms will, for a consideration, arrange passports or certificates and ship the emigrant off. Fortunes have been amassed by influential firms which act as intermediaries for remittances from the exiles to their families at home. When exchange was high—the H.K. and Gold dollar being almost equal in value—remittances were low and far between and some of these agents suffered. This year has been more than a satisfactory one for them.

To-day's Poem.

(Interior.)
Comes back an afternoon
Of June
Sunday at Eidsfield, that is up on a green
Hill, and there,
Through a little farm parlour door,
A floor
Of red tiles and blue,
And the air
Sweet with the hot June sun,
Cascading through
The vine leaves under the glass, and
A scarlet flame
Of geranium flower, and soft and
yellow bloom
Of musk, and stains of scarlet and
yellow glass.

—JOHN DRINKWATER.

A HELPING HAND.

No whit less than ourselves.
To know all men as brothers:
To do our bit the better if
It may perhaps help others.

But poor old China's sages,
Philosophy, religion;
Hath drugged her sons for ages
With "No belong my piglin!"

JOHN KYOTO.

SHADOWS BEFORE.

Coming Events Advertised
In The Mail.

ENTERTAINMENTS.

September 28.—Coronet Theatre:
Douglas Fairbanks in "Robin Hood."
September 28.—Star Theatre:
Renee Borslen in "In Quest of Happiness"; Harold Lloyd in "Amateur Those Present."
September 28.—World Theatre:
Florence Vidor in "Alice Adams."
September 28.—Theatre Royal:
Bandman Comedy Co. presents "Windows," 9.15 p.m.
September 29.—Theatre Royal:
Bandman Comedy Co. presents "Peg O' My Heart," 9.15 p.m.
October 1.—Theatre Royal:
Bandman Comedy Co. presents "The Dippers," 9.15 p.m.
October 2.—Theatre Royal:
Bandman Comedy Co. presents "The Laughing Lady," 9.15 p.m. sport.

September 29.—Hongkong Polo Club Keswick Cup—Shanghai v Hongkong—at Causeway Bay, 4.45 p.m.

October 6.—Hongkong Jockey Club's fourth Gymkhana.

AUCTIONS.

October 1.—Lammert Bros., at "The Falls," No. 82, The Peak, 11 a.m.

October 2.—Lammert Bros., at "Kingscote," Kennedy Road, 11 a.m.

October 4.—Lammert Bros., at the premises of the Hongkong Steel Foundry Co., Ltd., (Shaukiwan Road) the complete foundry plant, 10.30 a.m.

LAND SALE.

October 1.—P.W.D. Offices, sales of Crown land, 3 p.m.

MEETINGS.

September 28.—Annual general meeting of Hongkong St. Andrew's Society, 5.45 p.m.

October 2.—Ordinary general meeting of Douglas Steamship Co., Ltd., at Co.'s Offices, 20, Des Voeux Road, 11 a.m.

October 5.—Twenty-seventh ordinary annual meeting of the Dairy Farm, Ice & Cold Storage Co., Ltd., at Co.'s Town Office, 2, Lower Albert Road, noon.

CORRESPONDENCE.

"SLUSH AND MUD."

THE RACE COURSE.

[To the Editor of the "China Mail."]

Sir,—I am not particularly interested in racing beyond a mild excursion occasionally into buying pari-mutuel tickets, but I cannot help but feel that those who are interested in racing and those who go out of their way to provide this mild form of sport have a grievance. The whole thing seems to point either to laxity or indifference on the part of the P.W.D. Take that part of the Valley which has been inundated from the top end where an Inarticulate Government has allowed a great array of flats to spoil the sublime view which the Valley gives. As a rule I don't care a fig for dates, and my memory is not very good, but I think it is over a month since we had the last typhoon followed by the floods. These heavy rains washed down part of the nullah wall near to the aforesaid flats and naturally the water poured over that part of the Valley. For days now we have had numbers of men and women occupied in the leisurely pastime of collecting the sand in the nullah and heading it on the sidewalk. For days it occurred to me, to help stem the tide of waters by building a temporary wall so that the water could continue in its nullah course. A wise coolie probably thought of the idea of a sand wall, and for a little while, until it was washed away, the device helped considerably. The collecting of sand still continues, but there is no wall. As a result that part of the valley is like a sea beach, and the whole Valley a terrible sight. Other people are suffering. Golfers are deprived from using the place, whilst the Golf Club must be losing quite a lot in revenue. Our new D.P.W., might well spare five minutes to take a trip to the Valley to "look see," and then put pep into the gentlemen who are responsible for putting matters right.

Yours etc,

OBSERVER.

Hongkong, September 28.

TARAKAN.

[To the Editor of the "China Mail."]

Sir,—Could you, or any of your readers, oblige by informing me where Tarakan is? I have consulted several gazetteers, but it does not appear in any of them. Is it because Tarakan is insignificant that warrants its omission? Yet I understand that not a few of the vessels that steam into our harbour occasionally call at that port. Thanking you for inserting that letter in your valuable columns,

I am, Sir,

Your faithfully,

MAN IN THE STREET.

Hongkong, September 28.

[Tarakan is in the Molucca Island group. There is a volcano of that name. "The eruptions appear to have been numerous" according to Longman's Gazetteer.—Ed. C.M.]

THE CITY BEAUTIFUL.

AGREEABLE INNOVATION.

Since the Government took active possession of the Beaconsfield Arcade property, there has been agreeable evidence of making this place look less slightly than hitherto. Queen's Road may be an interesting sight to the visitor, but to the resident those long array of conflicting signs—in shape and structure, become more or less of an eyesore, and in tempestuous weather, not a little dangerous. Someone with imagination and an eye to form and beauty has let himself go in the matter of signs in the Beaconsfield area, and the result is that each shop has above it, in equal array, and of uniform style and length, the name of the establishment, done in white on a black background. The idea is simple but striking; is neat and businesslike and wholly to be admired. We hope the idea will be adopted wherever feasible, in other parts of the City, whilst the word Arcade might also be adopted. What is the matter with Pedder's Arcade to denote the new shops which have been built on the Old Supreme Court site?

LOCAL AND GENERAL.

The total output of the Kailan Mining Administration's mines for the week ending September 15, 1923, amounted to 78,870 tons and the sales during the period to \$1,400 tons.

The only financial recommendation to come before the meeting of the Finance Committee held after the adjournment of the Legislative Council yesterday, was an item of \$3,000 for apparatus in connection with the teaching of physics in the Kowloon British School. The vote was approved.

CANTON TROUBLE.

CUSTOMS BROKERS' STRIKE.

(From Our Own Correspondent.)

CANTON, September 27.

The strike of the Customs Brokers is still unsettled and several side issues have arisen in connection therewith. To carry their contentions against the Canton authorities to a successful conclusion, the brokers have employed intimidation. Employees of importers who try to take delivery of shipments on their own initiative have been threatened and even assaulted by unruly elements in their work.

One merchant, however, managed to outwit them. On the arrival of the day-steamer "Heungshan" yesterday, consignees were mostly prevented from getting their shipments. There was a lot of fifty head of buffaloes on board and the consignees' men laid low till the ruffians left when after considerable difficulty, the cattle were landed.

UGLY PORTENTS.

Merchants have now been roused to high senses of anger following the many calls on their pockets by the authorities and the rumours of further levies to come. It is stated that the Seventy-two Commercial Guilds are planning a general strike and cessation of business rather than comply with the multifarious demands to keep the Canton rulers going. This will be difficult to accomplish but there is no doubt that the people's patience is almost, if not entirely exhausted.

RELIEF BAZAAR ACCIDENT.

Last night a sudden gust of wind, followed by a heavy rainstorm, caused a commotion at the bazaar established at the First Public Park to raise funds for the Japan disaster relief. People in a large matched are said to have stampeded when the storm came on. A part of the structure subsided and in their efforts to get out, a few are reported to have been killed while some were injured.

EFFEMINACY?

"IGNORANT AS A PIG."

"This is my son. He refuses to go to school and is continually using perfume. I have upbraided him for doing so and reminded him that he is merely an office coolie. He wears his hair in the American style but he is as ignorant as a pig. I am unable to deal with him and ask Your Worship to give him a good hiding," said a contractor to Mr. C. D. Melbourne this morning at the end of the hearing of a case in which his son was charged with the larceny of one pair of spats, four bottles of perfume, one purse, two tins of white cleaner and a quantity of stationery from the Men's Wear department of Messrs. Lane, Crawford, Ltd.

Detective Sergeant Neal told His Worship that the firm had missed a number of articles from time to time till Mr. Hunter, the manager of the department, received an anonymous telephone message that some of the goods would be found in defendant's house at 22, Cross Street. A warrant was taken out and the articles were recovered. Defendant's plea was that he had found the goods on the floor. Believing them to have been abandoned on account of mildew he had taken them away.

This was tantamount to a plea of guilty to larceny and the police thereupon withdrew an alternative charge of receiving. Defendant's mother who had also been arrested was discharged.

At this stage defendant's father came forward and asked for permission to address His Worship. This was given and he made the statement adding that the mother who had just come down from the country, was innocent.

His Worship imposed sentence of one month's hard labour. Defendant's name was Chan Chai, age 18, and the value of the stolen goods mentioned as \$41.50.

GRATITUDE.

CHINESE EXPRESSION.

An acknowledgment is published in some of the local vernacular papers by 154 Chinese who were in the Japan disaster, expressing their gratitude and appreciation of the rescue work performed by the Captain, officers and crew of the Admiral Lino s.s. "West Iron." The signatories include Mr. Li Tze-fong of the Bank of East Asia, and Mr. Mok Ching-kong, who were in Japan at the time of the calamity.

The names given are as follows:—
Captain Thos. Johnson, Chief Officer J. J. Nunn, 2nd officer E. M. Ross, 3rd officer A. E. Harris, Purser E. P. Winch, Chief Steward H. A. Cier, Chief Engineer G. A. Allan, 1st assistant engineer C. A. Aldridge, 2nd assistant engineer V. Basford and 3rd assistant engineer P. R. Russ.

THAT \$50 PRIZE.

CHINA MAIL COMPETITION

WHAT ARE YOUR FAVOURITE PLEASURES?

Try and win our \$50 prize and at the same time—enjoy yourself by entering our exhilarating and entertaining contest. This week we are calling for votes as to which are the most popular Hongkong pleasures. Help to decide and at the same time have a try for our prize of \$50. Full particulars of our free voting contest together with entry form will be found on page 9.

To-morrow's issue will have the last coupon for this week's interesting contest. Coupons should reach this office not later than Monday and the result will be announced on Wednesday.

OUR SILENT NAVY.

PINE SALVAGE WORK AT YOKOHAMA.

A HANKER'S TRIBUTE.

Little news has been brought to Hongkong of the deeds of our silent navy in salvage work at Yokohama, though *Reuter* and newspaper correspondents have seen fit to burden the wires with a lot of gruesome details, which only served to harrow the feelings of the hearer, or whet the appetites of the lovers of the gruesome. Of course, we have all felt at heart that our silent navy was carrying on in its usual unassuming way. It is just as well, however, that Mr. A. G. Stephen of the Hongkong and Shanghai Bank has seen fit to pay a public tribute to Admiral Sir Arthur Leveson, K.C.B., and the officers and men under his command. Mr. Stephen said to a *China Mail* representative, this morning:—"The Hongkong and Shanghai Banking Corporation wish to have it publicly placed on record that the efforts of Sir Arthur Leveson, Commander-in-Chief, and the Royal Navy were absolutely invaluable at Yokohama, after the disaster, in saving the valuable securities and records of the Hongkong and Shanghai Bank."

Without their assistance, it would have been very difficult indeed for the foreign banks and firms to have brought practically everything away safely. Not only was H.M.S. "Hawkins," the Flagship, placed freely at the disposal of those engaged in salvage work, but the wireless was also freely available. It is entirely due to the Commander-in-Chief and his officers and men that the losses of valuable papers were not very serious.

Another tribute. Mr. R. T. Wright, Manager of the Yokohama Branch of the H. & S. Bank, who had a miraculous escape, writes:—"I cannot sufficiently express my appreciation of Admiral Leveson and his staff in recovering the Bank's property."

HOSPITALS.

PRACTICAL SYMPATHY.

The Hon. Treasurer of the Alice Memorial and Affiliated Hospitals acknowledges with thanks the following donations to the funds of the Hospitals:

W. S. Brown, Esq.	\$10.00
C. H. Bluson, Esq.	10.00
J. M. De Roche & Co.	10.00
Bank Line, Ltd.	10.00
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Donnelly & Whyte	10.00
N. Mody & Co.	10.00
N. S. Moses & Co.	10.00

CONSULAR SERVICE.

LOCAL APPOINTMENT.

Congratulations will go out to Mr. J. R. Summers who has been a member of the staff of the American Consulate General for the past two years in the capacity of Secretary to the Consul General. Agreeable notice has arrived from Washington that the Secretary of the United States has been pleased to appoint Mr. Summers to be American Vice Consul at Hongkong. His many friends will wish Mr. Summers every success in this well deserved promotion.

LESS SLUSH NOW.

HAPPY VALLEY RACE COURSE TO-DAY.

ANOTHER P.W.D. STATEMENT.

[By Agents.]

In consequence of "Disgusted's" letter in the *China Mail* last evening, another visit was paid to the race-course at 4.15 p.m. yesterday.

From Mr. Tai, the Club's Headman, it was learned that the only P.W.D. coolies working on the course yesterday were six men employed in drawing a chain backwards and forwards through the 4" pipes in the ditch on the outside of the inner track. These men were working during the time of our visit and we were satisfied that they were simply wasting their labour as the pipes became blocked within a few minutes of their ceasing operations. We again suggested to Mr. Tai that he should remove all the pipes except the lengths needed to furnish a bridge for the ponies. He fell in with the idea and promised to ask the Clerk of the Course for permission. Apparently this was obtained as, when we visited the spot at noon to-day, operations had been commenced.

STATEMENT BY P.W.D.

At the drains department of the P.W.D. this morning, the statement was made that in accordance with the promise of Mr. Newhouse the ditch on the inside track had been cleared on Tuesday by P.W.D. coolies. Yesterday the P.W.D. had borrowed 20 coolies from the Jockey Club and cleared the ditch again. The P.W.D. official stated that the fall in this ditch was so slight that it necessitated coolies being kept continually on the ditch to keep it clear. When questioned about the "chain and the pipes," the official agreed that the best thing to do would be to remove the pipes.

The P.W.D. view is that this drain is on private land and should be kept clean by the Jockey Club coolies.

With regard to work on the nullah, since August 9 the daily returns of the number of coolies on the job reads: 50, 47, 87, 36, 93, 82, 86, 0, 0, 80, 85, 86, 91, 93, 98, 90, 87, 0, 0, 138, 162, 92, 80, 82, 50, 70, 68, 83, 91, 106, 98, 102, 103, 112, 96, 120, 92, 118, 125, 132, 61, 117, 122, 0, 123, 93 (yesterday forenoon).

The suggestion that the P.W.D. should concentrate on the area between the winning post and the six furlong post was not warmly received as this is evidently considered the Club's own affair.

However, it was acknowledged that instructions had been received from some one "higher up" to put 250 coolies on the job and get the course in order before October 6.

If I was given such an order I would get the coolies whatever the cost, but I have not the official mind. The P.W.D. official seen this morning pointed out that coolies are difficult to obtain at current rates and the coolies employed at the race-course nullah are contractors' not departmental men.

REPORT FOR STEWARDS.

This evening there is to be a meeting of the Stewards, when the following report from the honorary Clerk of the Course will be placed before them:—

The drainage of Wong-nei-cheong valley is mainly effected by a nullah passing along the Western side of the Race Course which is covered in by a cement roof where it passes through the Jockey Club property, along the rails, and under the Judge's Box, and it is thought that this drainage would be sufficient were it not for an additional discharge from the cemetery nullah which passes into the Race Course nullah under the weighing room.

When exceptional rainfall occurs the cemetery nullah brings down sand and debris—more than usual just now owing to building operations on Stubbs Road,—which chokes up the racecourse nullah, and has previously caused congestion which forced the cement roof off on many occasions.

As this caused a lot of damage, while the water in any case forced its way on to the course when the nullah was full, it was necessary to make the best of a bad business and accordingly a number of earthenware pipes were placed near the roof of the nullah, and at the point where it enters the Jockey Club property a cement sill was made, the object being to enable the water to flow on to the course quietly instead of forcing the cement roof up.

When an exceptional rainfall occurs, and the nullah fills up there is always damage to the grass course near the mile post owing to sand and debris carried over the sill and discharged on the course.

The first case this year was April 12 when 4.95 inches of rain fell, but the damage was soon repaired as there was only moderate rainfall during the remainder of the month. May passed without incident, and there was only one heavy fall in June which was easily dealt with.

Fairly heavy rain for 3 days from July 21 caused a little trouble but the course was cleared only to be

damaged again on July 27 when 5.4 inches fell.

The mud was scraped off the course again not only at the mile post but also at the football ground,—the damage being this time more extensive as the nullah was getting partly choked with sand and the ditches with mud.

Before this work was completed 5.1 inches fell on August 5 and 1.7 inches on the 6th, the damage being again augmented. On 11th, 12th and 13th nearly an inch fell each day preventing work, and causing further deposits of mud.

On August 18 came the centre of a typhoon with an exceptional rate of rainfall for a short period though only 4.9 inches in the 24 hours.

This filled the nullah at the village, and the retaining wall carried away,—mud, sand and large stones being swept across the course at the quarter mile post while lake.

This time the water did not subside for several days, but as soon as possible the work of clearing the course was resumed, the damage being very considerable.

Good progress was being made when 1.6 inches on August 27, stopped work again, 2.3 inches falling the next day and a veritable deluge the day after of 4.85 inches, followed by further heavy rains for several days which stopped training on the course altogether.

The nullah was then full of sand, the water flowing over the top and discharging across the race course, running down the sand track like a the valley became a river.

Many serious landslips had occurred in different parts of the Colony, including one at Bowen Road which threatened the water supply, and the P.W.D. were very hard pressed at this time with matters more important than the clearing of the Racecourse Nullah.

On September 2 the rain ceased and as it was imperative to get the sand course in order for training all labour available was first turned on the clearing of the ditches on each side of the sand course, an embankment being made all along the "Straight" to protect the sand course should further rain occur.

The nullah being full of sand was useless, and though rain was not actually falling there was a considerable flow of water which perforce discharged over the course, and until the clearing of the nullah could be effected it was hopeless to attempt to get the course in order.

As soon as possible the P.W.D. started clearing the nullah at the village end, with about 100 coolies and though a comparatively small rainfall on September 8 caused some trouble fair progress was made, the fifty racecourse coolies working on the course scraping off mud and clearing ditches &c. &c.

On Friday, September 21, the clearing of the course and ditches was practically completed, while a very considerable amount of sand stacked on the road at Wong-nei-cheong and at the Football Ground showed that good progress was being made with the nullah, the water then being below the level of the course again, and it was hoped that there would be no further trouble.

A heavy fall of rain occurred however during the night, 3.69 inches, and on Saturday morning the valley was a lake again, with the Gymkhana fixed for a fortnight later.

Fortunately no more rain fell, and the water drained off by mid-day, but the sand course could not be used for 2 or 3 days and training was again interfered with.

Owing to the partial clearance of the nullah at the village end the rush of water carried about 2 feet of sand out of the covered part under the Jockey Club property which was not replaced by more brought down, and this has helped considerably, the water being now slightly below the level of the course.

On the night of September 26, a fall of .87 inch caused a deposit of mud again at the Football Ground end of the Course which had just been scraped and cleared about the eighth time.

There is still so much sand in the nullah that a very small rainfall will suffice to flood the course again. The nullah is the key to the situation as the ditches have to drain into it at the Football ground which it is obvious can only occur if the water level of the nullah is lower.

There are two man holes where the nullah passes under the Jockey Club enclosure, and clearing is being done there, but this is useless until the nullahs at the village and cemetery are cleared, since more sand is being constantly brought down.

The ditches on each side of the sand track have now been dug out again by the Jockey Club Coolies, and if no further rain falls it may yet be possible to hold the Gymkhana on October 6th.

The price of standard grade flour has been reduced by 1s. to 38s. in London.

Since the beginning of June 111 persons have been drowned in Vienna while bathing, a record for such accidents.

Professor Bergson, the French philosopher, has been appointed a member of the Council of the Legion of Honour.

PIRATES AGAIN.

TOWN ATTACKED.

KONGMOON, September 27.

On Tuesday night, pirates from Kong Mei attacked Ho Tong, a town with 3,000 inhabitants and famous for its coarse mustard industry. The attackers entered the village after stubborn resistance and by sunrise on Wednesday had set fire to the place.

Skirmishing is still going on and the smoke can be seen at Pak Kai, the Customs port, two miles away. Commander Chan Chak, the virtual governor of the district, despatched the gunboat "Kong Koo" to quell the disturbance but the ship returned without accomplishing anything or even trying.

The town has since been plundered and the majority of the inhabitants are desolate.

The Customs notify that under the West River regulations, vessels may enter or leave port between 6.30 a.m. and 5.30 p.m. from October 1 to March 31. A special permit will have to be obtained for clearance or entrance after the stated hours.

On account of the shortage of coal, the 4 p.m. train has been suspended and steamers for Hongkong leave not later than 4 p.m. meaning earlier arrival.

Mr. and Mrs. T. A. Broadfoot of the Canadian Presbyterian Mission returned from Canada where they have been for a holiday.

The wedding is announced to take place on October 8th, of Mr. R. E. Hyndman, of Messrs. Davidson & Co. Ltd., to Miss Theodolina Maria dos Remedios.

TO-DAY'S ADVERTISEMENTS.

S. S. "SONGHOL."

By Order of the Mortgagees

TENDERS are invited up to the sixth day of October, 1933, for the purchase of the above named vessel with Engines and Boilers and various Auxiliary Machinery on board.

Permits to view may be obtained on application to the Undersigned. Tenders must be accompanied by a deposit of \$500.00 returnable after decision on the tenders has been reached.

The Vessel was formerly known as the s.s. "Hong-Kong" and previously as the s.s. "Oriental".

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AQUATICS.

SECOND DAY RESULTS AT V.R.C.

The annual aquatic festival was continued yesterday afternoon at the V.R.C. swimming pool. The team race, as the result of a dispute, is to be swum off again. The results of yesterday's finals were:—

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SKIPPER'S \$1000 CLAIM.

ACTION AGAINST MR. NEMAZEE.

Mr. H. M. H. Nemazee was the defendant in an action for damages for wrongful dismissal mentioned in the Summary Court this morning. The plaintiff was Capt. J. Watson who claimed \$1,000 damages, representing three months' salary at £45 a month, of which \$446.42 has been waived to bring the action within summary jurisdiction.

Leave was granted by the Puisne Judge (Mr. Justice Gompertz) to file a counter-claim in respect of damage to the s.s. "Goristan" for which Captain Watson is alleged to have been responsible.

His Honour arranged to hear the case next Thursday.

Another interesting action also set down for hearing on Thursday was a claim by Mr. and Mrs. W. P. Simpson against the Astor House Hotel for \$1,000 damages for "improper distress."

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Mr. Guy Buckley as "a fat worm" was again good as was also Billie Sinclair, Muriel Du Pre and G. Groves. Miss Niqua Lewis showed us another side to an art which she has made her own and came in for a good share of the applause which a discriminating audience showered on the performers. The play has been done before in Hongkong, and last night's rendition compared more than favourably with the former presentation. To-night Galsworthy's "Windows" is to be given, and having read the play we are looking forward to seeing one of the most modern plays that has come to us from Home.

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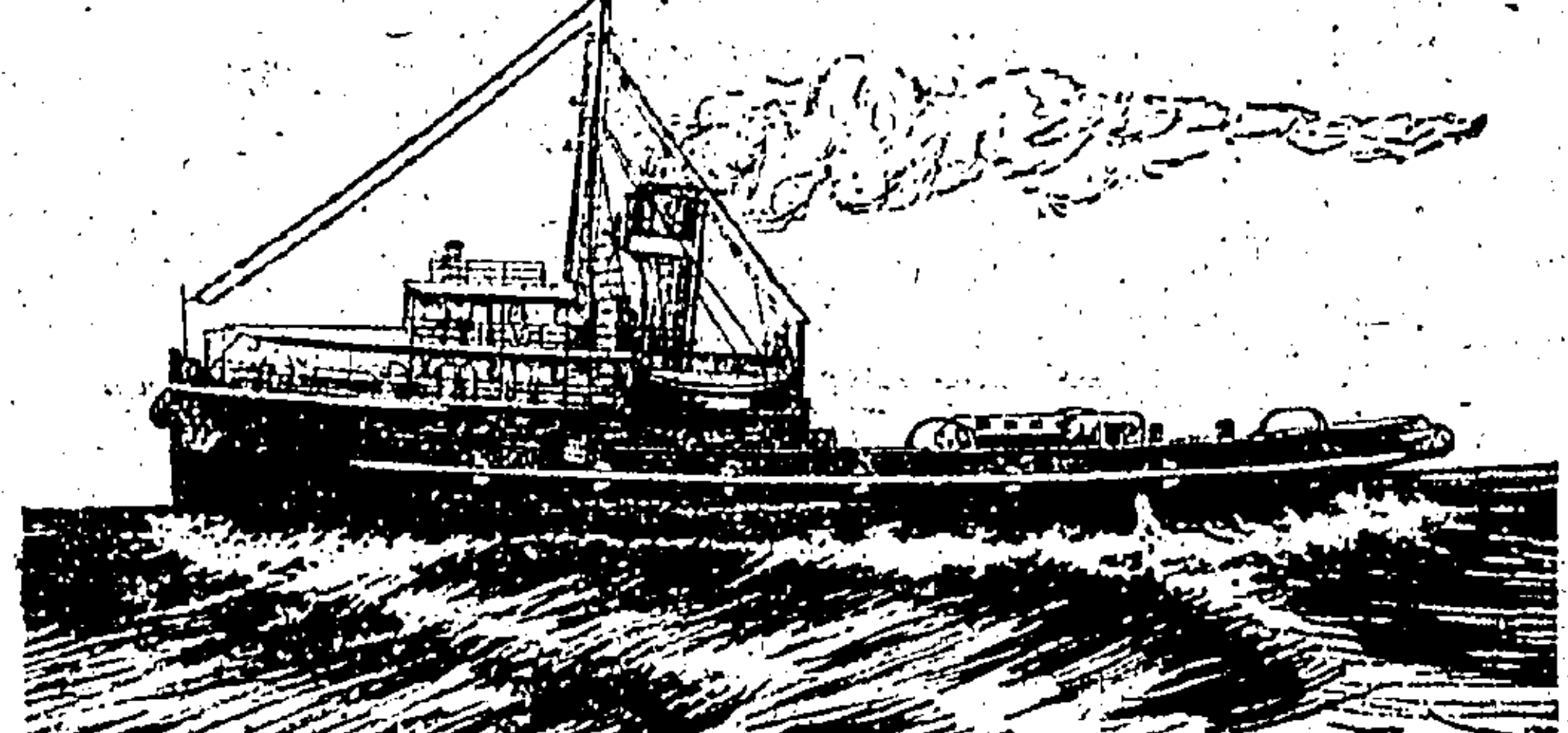
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PEACE AND COMFORT.

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How are we able to philosophize or reconcile our conception that our province is overrun. There seem to be three solutions for this riddle which are different from ours; second, they work honestly for a living and are most co-operative in all their ways; third, the men-folk go abroad to find work when they find that at home, work is hard to get.

To differentiate our ways from their requires a thesis but suffice it that you who know the Hakks in Hongkong will readily see what hard toilers those Hakks really are. There may be a fourth solution or a fifth and a sixth. The fourth is that work is an honour to them and an ory is life to the Han-yu (Chinese from the North). Who frequent West Point in HK? Not the Hakks.

DEAD BUSINESS.

Wednesday, September 19.
As I wandered about the Bund and Sai-keung I noticed there "few people moving about while in normal times there were thousands of people and the shops did good business. Dtsai-sun Kai seemed a desert. (This street has many jade-stores). One may ask why this is so? It is easy to answer the inquiry; that communications between this great river port with the surrounding districts have been stopped and now are more or less. How can the farmers and businessmen come into the city when they fear this and that that is happening all the while here, like requisition the people for the battle fronts and for ransom. Look at the passenger boats as how the bandits and pirates and soldiers hail them. The soldiers in every mile or two pinch them for so much as protection due while the pirates, well.....

Let us stop all ships from going to Hongkong from the interior and see how the port fares. You will be starved and therefore ask for mercy. So in Canton, the merchants and the middle class people are in distress. They can't get rid of their goods nor can they get any from elsewhere, from the interior. The middle class spends much for food as the food stuffs have gone up more than one hundred per cent whereas their wages remain the same.

TEACHERS.

The teachers have a nice time indeed in Canton, I mean the several government school teachers to whom the government owes five months in salary. Well, this Friday they will have a month's pay and next month they may have some more, let us hope so, but even if they do, still the government owes them about four months' salary.

The salary of the teachers is very meagre and when they try to get a few dollars more by teaching in two or three other schools beside the one on which they spend most of their time, the greedy office-holders in the government offices where they receive a fat sum endeavour to wrench those few dollars from them by applying for the same positions. When you go around the schools and the government offices you will see them seemingly working hard for them when they are in the class rooms

in the warm season whereas in the government offices "You see them dozing away in an easy chair for they have nothing to do for their regular monthly income. It is unjust. Well, nothing is just in this land of disintegration and corruption.

CLAN FIGHTING.

Thursday, September 20.
Clan fighting is taking place in Sun-wei between the Chans and Lowes and Admiral Chan Chark is aiding his namesakes. Kuangtung seems to have more clan quarrels than any other province in China and so they cause more destructions than even the warring factions so far. A few years ago the Chans and the Lowes in that same district, Sun-wei, had an awful holocaust when whole villages were levelled to the ground and whole populations massacred and the rest scattered to various places and lost. In Tung-kun around Shek-lung now, many villages are in a murderous trail for sometime in a clan fight. Few months ago some villages just south of Far-dei, across Shamen, secured even the peaceful citizens of the city with their firing.

I have no good remedies for the above ill except the following viz a uniform educational system suited for the provincials and a fine system of high ways to connect every hamlet. Education will do away the narrow local pride of each village and a united sentiment for the glorious future of the province and the country while the roads will enhance production of all things for the use of men and will prevent any escape of those who wage an inhuman guerrilla, and will quickly bring help from outside to quash farther disturbance.

CHARITY.

Friday, September 21.
In a previous letter I mentioned a fact that the different Charities of the city have done and are doing meritorious services and are willing to do more if there are no hindrances from outside. "Wherever the body is thither are eagles gathered together." This is true over the world. If I am a rich man my house will be always filled with all sorts and conditions of men.

The government to-day is groping for money and will not find until the idiotic heads of the government get down to their knees as Lord Roberts told his people during the war to do. We see the simple folks bend their knees to those gods and goddesses of wood and paper and rocks but we do not see the so-called educated men in the government or any walk of life kneel to them nor to Sheng-ti nor to anything else. They consider themselves, gods. It seems to me that one must bow to one of the two rather than not to any else we shall be called a Godless people. In the Holy Bible, one finds this passage, "But seek ye first the kingdom of God and his righteousness; and all these things shall be added unto you." I suppose that this is foolishness to the wise when they come to think as how can they convert the soldiers and pirates and bandits to an honourable living in this troublesome period. But I say it can be done when the head man or chief or generalissimo once will turn around to follow what is right and just first. "Produce great men, the rest follows."

I beg your indulgence for the above in leading you to a higher plane of thought when I intend to call your attention to the suffering of the raising of funds for the sufferers in Japan. The many charities of the city are too glad to give all they can for that horrible convulsion of nature but there is a home need for their funds in the West and East and North Rivers districts immediately so I fear that we are not able to do much for these Japanese victims.

It cuts your heart when you see how the rice fields on these three large territories have been destroyed both by floods and the civil strife in the first season of this year and this later season as well. The East River is not a river at all but a great ocean stretching from Shek-lung to the Boca Tigris nor is the West River a river but a vast sea extending from Sun-shui to Macau. What an enormous tract of land inundated. So we can't help Japan when our own homes need assistance immediately both for this account and other bad and good reasons. USA, England, and Canada can. However China can even when she is in trouble provided

the Japanese should swear before Heaven and men that they from now on will do all things toward China justly and honourably and righteously. In short the Japanese from the coolies up to the ruling classes must have pure hearts, clean minds and clear consciences, in all dealings with the Chinese.

BETTER TREATMENT.

Saturday, September 22.
As I looked down from the decks upon the men and women loading and unloading goods from ships and on how dreams re the greatness of China of the future come to me, indeed it is marvellous how they worked, carrying boxes and bundles that must have weighed 7 to 800 lbs each on their shoulders running along the frail boats and crumpled junks with great drops of sweat dripping from their heads and backs down their toes. Their muscles? While, astonishing! I have been in many countries and saw how the dockmen and women worked but they can't compare with the women and men of China. No wonder for Napoleon to make that prediction that when China once awakes to her tremendous latent powers she will move the world. Then the Chinamen will say to our foreign abusive, unscrupulous, and abysmal nations to halt and gasp and bend and kneel and fall.

Will men be humble? No, I have not seen one. Will nations be meek? No, not one, not even when nations have suffered so frightful disasters from the late Great War. Not even those South Seas peoples in the Pacific are humble when the white refuses of Europe and America have destroyed 90% of them. To the Americans, an Indian is a good Indian when he dies; and to the terrible Turks, a good Christian is a dead one; and to the Japanese, a dead Korean is a dead Korean; and so on in the list. I warn the foreigners to forebear.

HUNGRY.

Sunday, September 23.
I have been in hunger for the last few days because I depended and do depend upon the eating houses and tea houses of the city for eats. To my stomach's great discomfort all the restaurants are closed indefinitely so I must somehow get food for the body in some other way. I did expect to take my meal this noon after church at some café but to my dismay I was disappointed.

The only reason for the chow houses to shut their doors is that the government wants to put an unbearable tax on meals, something like 15% on a dollar's worth of food. Of course this charge does not interfere with the proprietors but only the diners and yet still there is a fear that such an impost will eventually put many places out of business. Before this new scheme of the provincial treasurer appeared, many chopouses have shut down for one or another reason. It is a bad thing indeed and no wonder therefore that business is at a low ebb for a long time, ever since the failure of Shim Hung-yung's coup, last February or January.

PILLAGE.

It is a joke, a great one. Right by the city many passenger junks were plundered and passengers taken and goods arrived away when even many soldiers have been especially ordered to give protection, on board, but when they saw that the pirates wore the same bad-ges and clothes and other paraphernalia they just took a dip into the river after saying a farewell to their kinds. Along the railroad from Canton to Shek-lung soldiers are placed about within a mile or two apart but still the trains suffer from pillage. The people who live by the rail road know well that the trains do not stop by the villagers but by the soldiers who just take off their dirty uniforms for some still dirtier farmers' clothes for the job of robbing and capturing the people and passengers.

WOEFUL TALE.

Monday, September 24th.
A man just returned from Shek-lung visiting his family related a woeful tale to me, to wit, that one does not see children nor men about the streets or fields but only old men and women. He was terribly afraid when at home even for one can't tell when he is to be robbed. He had a rotten time when there and was too glad and much relieved to get back to civilization and safety, not in Canton he says but HK. The rich people of course have fled long ago and the young girls also have disappeared from view as these awful animals will devour anything they get hold of.

Shek-lung is a market town for the surrounding regions far and night and used to be therefore a very busy place but not now nor since the flight of Chan Kwing-ming last year. Think how the people have suffered. The Tung-koon district city is in a still worse plight as she is lower down the river and located on a flat. No firewood nor any other kinds of food can come and when they do come the prices for them are beyond imagination. Firewood costs \$1 for 15 catties. The women have nowhere to go for fuel nor men for fish as the waters about are infested with soldiers, pirates and bandits so they are entirely being cut off. Well, it is indeed too unsavoury to hear more blood curdling tales. Enough.

CLASSICAL DANCING.

FORTHCOMING EVENT.

From the programme which we are privileged to give below, the Colony is in for a classical treat on October 6 and 10 next, at the Theatre Royal, when Miss V. Capell, assisted by Miss D. O'Keefe, is to submit a programme of dances in which some of our young people are to take a prominent part. The word classical seems a formidable word and perhaps suggests something that is beyond ordinary understanding. Such is not likely to be the case in the present instance. There is no-one in the wide world who can resist the joyous impulses of the young, and when interpretation is sought through the medium of the dance, the innocent action of young people is irresistible. Miss Capell and Miss O'Keefe are pioneers, so far as Hongkong is concerned, in their particular form of art. We thoroughly recommend an unstinted support of their work—not merely because whatever monetary success is achieved is to go to the London Hospital, in sore need of funds, but because they are engaged in work which is lifting and of unknown benefit to the community.

PROGRAMME.

1. Solo..... Spring..... Sinding.
2. Ensemble..... Japanese..... Dances.
3. National..... Highland Fling.
4. Duet..... "I wish I had something to say"..... E. C. Nann.
5. Pas-de-trois..... Nymphs.
6. Duet..... "The Minuet"..... Ina Barr.
7. Solos:
 - (a) Waltz..... Dorothy Pitcairn.
 - (b) Russian..... Patsy Nicoll.
 - (c) Jazz..... Petty Pestonji.
8. Solo..... Danse Des Fleurs.

9. Ensemble..... Greek Ballet.
10. Solo..... Jazz.
11. Minuet..... Louis XIV Period (Arranged by Miss D. O'Keefe).
12. Solo..... Jazz Ballet.
13. Duet..... Sausages.
14. Character..... Dutch Dance.
15. Solo..... Petit Morceau de Ballet.
16. Pas-de-deux..... Waltz (Arranged by Miss O'Keefe).

Violet Capell and D. O'Keefe.

FIGHTING MALARIA.

FISH TO EAT MOSQUITO EGGS.

Malaria is still raging in certain parts of Italy, where the flatness of the land causes the formation of pools in which the malaria-carrying mosquitoes lay their eggs.

One method of dealing with the mosquitoes which has been adopted is to place near human dwellings large numbers of certain animals, such as horses, which the mosquitoes seem to sting in preference to man.

The old remedy of destroying the mosquitoes by spraying paraffin oil on the surface of the stagnant water is also being used, but this system cannot be applied when large volumes of water have to be dealt with. The authorities are therefore, placing in the "water" species of fish which look upon mosquitoes' eggs in the light of a delicacy. Highly successful results have so far been obtained with a variety of fish known as the *Gambusia affinis*, a species of minnow.

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CRICKET.

H.K.C.C. COMMITTEE'S REPORT.

In their report for the season 1922-23, the Committee of the Hongkong Cricket Club state:—
The Profit and Loss Account, after writing down furniture, etc., by \$1,516.38, shows a profit of \$2,098.23, an actual profit of \$3,614.61, as against a profit of \$7,888.85 for the previous year.
Entrance fees show an increase of \$540. Sixty-four new playing members, 21 non-playing members, and 53 subscribers joined during the twelve months.
The cricket pitch has this year only had to be partially returfed and the Club has thereby saved in actual cost some \$180. It is hoped that the pitch will benefit and that the old turf will stand the wear and tear better.

The Club ran two Elevens. The first played 22 matches, winning 14, losing 3, with 5 drawn. The second eleven played 21 matches, won 9, and lost 11 with 1 drawn.
Two Interport matches were played against Shanghai. The first, here in November, Hongkong lost by 2 wickets after an exciting finish. The second, played at Shanghai in May, Hongkong won by 3 wickets.

The annual Tennis Tournament was disappointing from the point of view of receipts, largely owing to uncertain weather and illness on the part of some prominent competitors in the open events.

The Open Championship Singles was won by Mr. Ng Sze Kwong for the sixth time in succession. The Open Doubles Championship was won by Messrs. Ng Sze Kwong and Wei Wink Lok.

The Club Championship was won by Mr. S. T. Green, Handicap Singles "A" by Mr. C. C. Stark, Handicap Singles "B" by Mr. C. W. E. Bishop, Handicap Doubles by Messrs. G. R. Sayer and A. D. Humphreys, and the Mixed Doubles by Mr. G. W. Sewell and Miss H. Irving.

Miss Grace kindly presented the prizes at the close of the Tournament.

1ST XI BATTING AVERAGES.

	No. of Innings	Times not out	Runs	Highest Score	Average
H. R. B. Hancock	13	4	346	74	38.44
H. Owen Hughes	25	5	747	128	37.35
T. E. Pearce	23	3	713	105	35.65
Rev. E. K. Quick	10	0	237	72	23.70
R. E. A. Webster	26	2	557	78	23.29
F. H. Farthing	14	4	186	54	18.60
L. J. Davies	21	2	255	72	18.53
G. R. Sayer	16	2	255	61	18.21
E. J. R. Mitchell	21	1	328	102	16.40
R. H. Wild	12	1	141	29	12.82
G. H. Percy	10	1	100	30	12.50
L. D. McNicoll	10	1	111	36	12.33
A. L. Giese	10	2	92	23	11.50
D. E. G. Nichol	11	1	97	20	9.70
E. G. Lammert	11	3	45	15	5.63
not out					
Batsmen who played in under 10 Innings:					
A. Claxton	9	2	333	87	47.57
Capt. C. O. Oliver	9	2	306	77	43.71
J. D. Humphreys	7	1	158	41	26.33
C. I. Stapleton	9	1	208	60	26.00
A. E. Wood	7	2	123	63	24.60
Mat. E. D. Matthews	7	3	91	27	22.75
Capt. P. H. Davies	8	1	156	35	22.28
F. J. de Rome	7	1	131	42	21.83
B. D. Evans	8	1	126	45	18.00
H. E. Hollands	7	0	99	36	14.14
E. B. Reed	8	1	39	12	4.88

The following centuries were made:
H. Owen Hughes (2) 128* 108*
T. E. Pearce (2) 105 and 105
E. J. R. Mitchell (1) 102*

1ST XI BOWLING AVERAGES.

	Overs	Maidens	Runs	Wickets	Average
F. H. Farthing	143.2	23	444	36	12.33
E. B. Reed	135.4	31	323	36	12.42
H. Owen Hughes	307.3	45	994	71	14.00
E. G. Lammert	94.4	10	317	21	15.09
G. R. Sayer	57.3	3	227	15	15.13
R. E. A. Webster	143.5	14	601	30	20.03
Bowlers who bowled in under 10 Innings:					
Rev. E. K. Quick	35.5	4	99	13	7.62
G. A. Chadwick	37	5	130	14	9.29
L. D. McNicoll	30.3	5	136	12	11.33
G. H. Percy	31.3	2	143	12	11.92
B. D. Evans	65	6	220	17	12.94
L. J. Davies	16.1	1	70	4	17.50
Capt. P. H. Davies	11.1	18	332	17	19.53
F. J. de Rome	19	9	103	4	22.75
H. Owen Hughes	performed the Hat Trick twice during the season.				

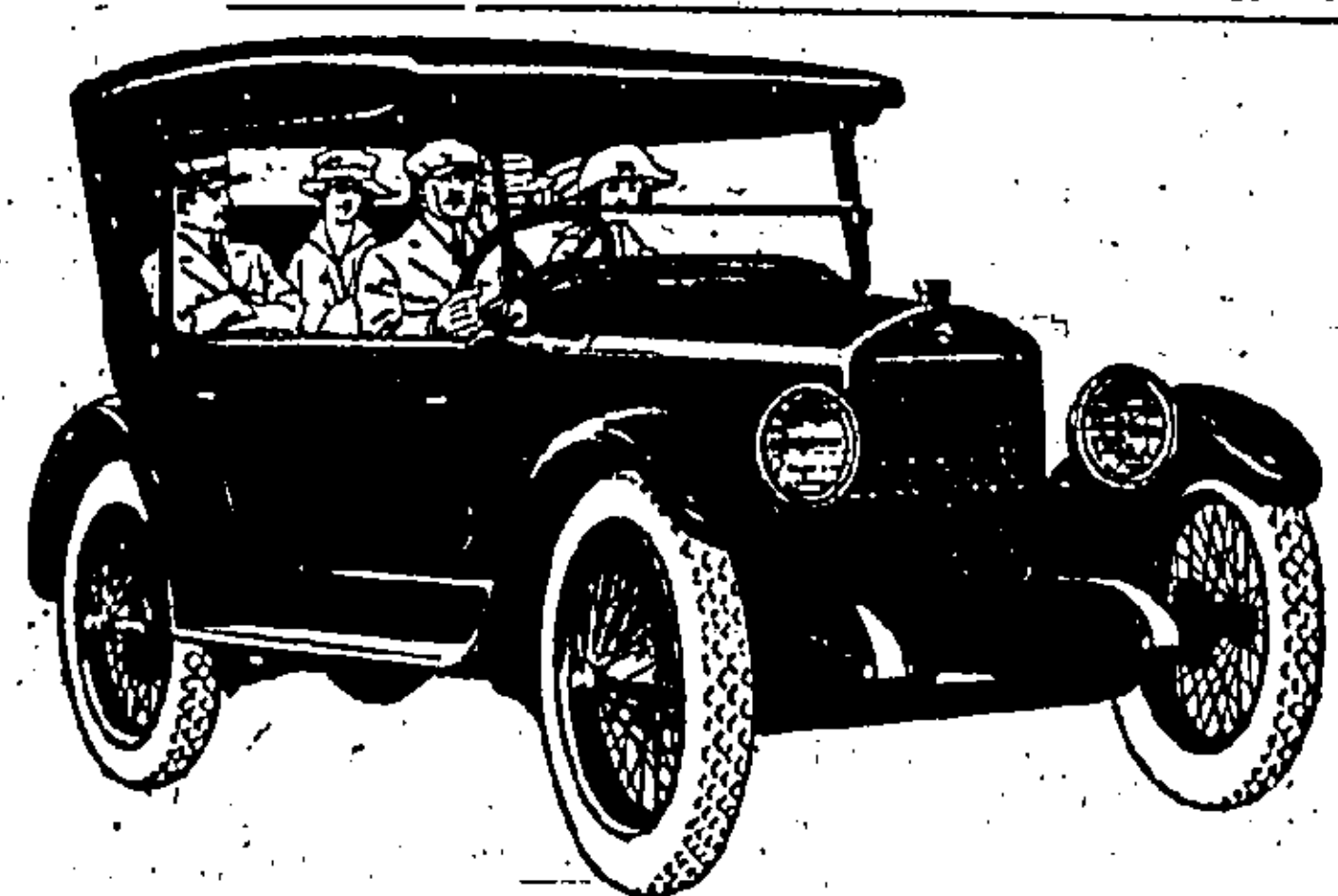
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2ND XI BATTING AVERAGES.

	No. of Innings	Times not out	Runs	Highest Score	Average
D. Reid	13	0	254	57	19.54
G. H. Percy	12	1	211	42	19.18
H. E. Hollands	19	1	234	35	13.00
M. M. Watson	16	1	112	35	7.47
H. Spence	11	3	55	15	6.87
J. R. Way	11	1	58	20	5.80
not out					
Batsmen who played in under ten Innings:					
D. E. G. Nichol	4	1	151	93	50.33
F. C. Miller	6	1	125	70	25.00
W. W. Mackenzie	9	0	147	51	16.33
L. D. McNicoll	6	0	93	39	15.50
J. D. Humphreys	4	0	48	24	12.00
J. D. H. Crawford	9	1	89	42	11.12
E. W. Alderson	7	0	61	28	8.71
F. Syme Thomson	4	0	33	19	8.25
not out					
H. W. Roger, who only played on three occasions, scored 117 not out, the only century for the Second Eleven.					

2ND XI BOWLING AVERAGES.

	Overs	Maidens	Runs	Wickets	Average
L. D. McNicoll	25.2	0	80	11	7.27
J. D. H. Crawford	51.1	6	189	23	8.35
D. B. Peat	34.4	5	121	12	10.08
D. Reid	92	14	339	31	10.68
G. H. Percy	124	16	420	33	12.73
G. M. Dorkins	43	5	150	11	13.63
H. E. Hollands	70.4	4	344	23	14.96
J. R. Way	39	5	175	6	29.16
The following also bowled, but in under 5 Innings:					
F. N. Young	40	6	96	10	9.60
E. Grimble	14	0	72	3	24.00
G. A. Chadwick	27	4	99	3	33.33

A British naval hydroplane flying from Gothenburg (Sweden) to Copenhagen was obliged to come down in the Kattegat, near Hals, owing to engine trouble, and another British hydroplane from Gothenburg for Esbjerg (Denmark) had to descend near Thorsminde, on the west coast of Jutland.

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FOOTBALL.

SOME OF THE TEAMS FOR TO-MORROW.

HONGKONG F.C. v. POLICE.

The following team will represent the Club to-morrow against the Police in a 1st division League match on the Club ground (kick-off, 4 p.m.):—
J. Wilson; W. Gerrard or D. Purvis and C. W. Bishop; A. Mair, A. S. Forsyth and J. W. R. McPhail; R. Bell, J. Watson, H. G. Howard, J. McBride and S. D. Begg.

HONGKONG F.C. RES. v. KING'S RES.

The following will represent the Club Reserves to-morrow against the King's Reserves in a 2nd division League match on the Club ground (kick-off, 4 p.m.):—
R. Hutchison; J. Gardner and H. T. Buxton; A. F. Paul, G. Angus and R. W. Williamson; F. Ross, A. Ferguson, I. F. Goldenburg; G. May (capt.) and S. Dunn.

KOWLOON F.C. v. KING'S REGT.

The following have been selected to represent the Kowloon F.C. in their 1st division League match against the King's Regt. to-morrow (kick-off, 5 p.m.):—
Hill; Wheeler and Knight; Morrison, McKelvie and Pasco; Clemo; Spary, Cooke, Duncan and Mason. Reserve: Leonard.

KOWLOON F.C. v. "TAMAR" RES.

In this 2nd division League match on the Navy "A" ground to-morrow at 4 p.m., Kowloon F.C. will be represented by:—
Beach; Guest and Morton; A. W.



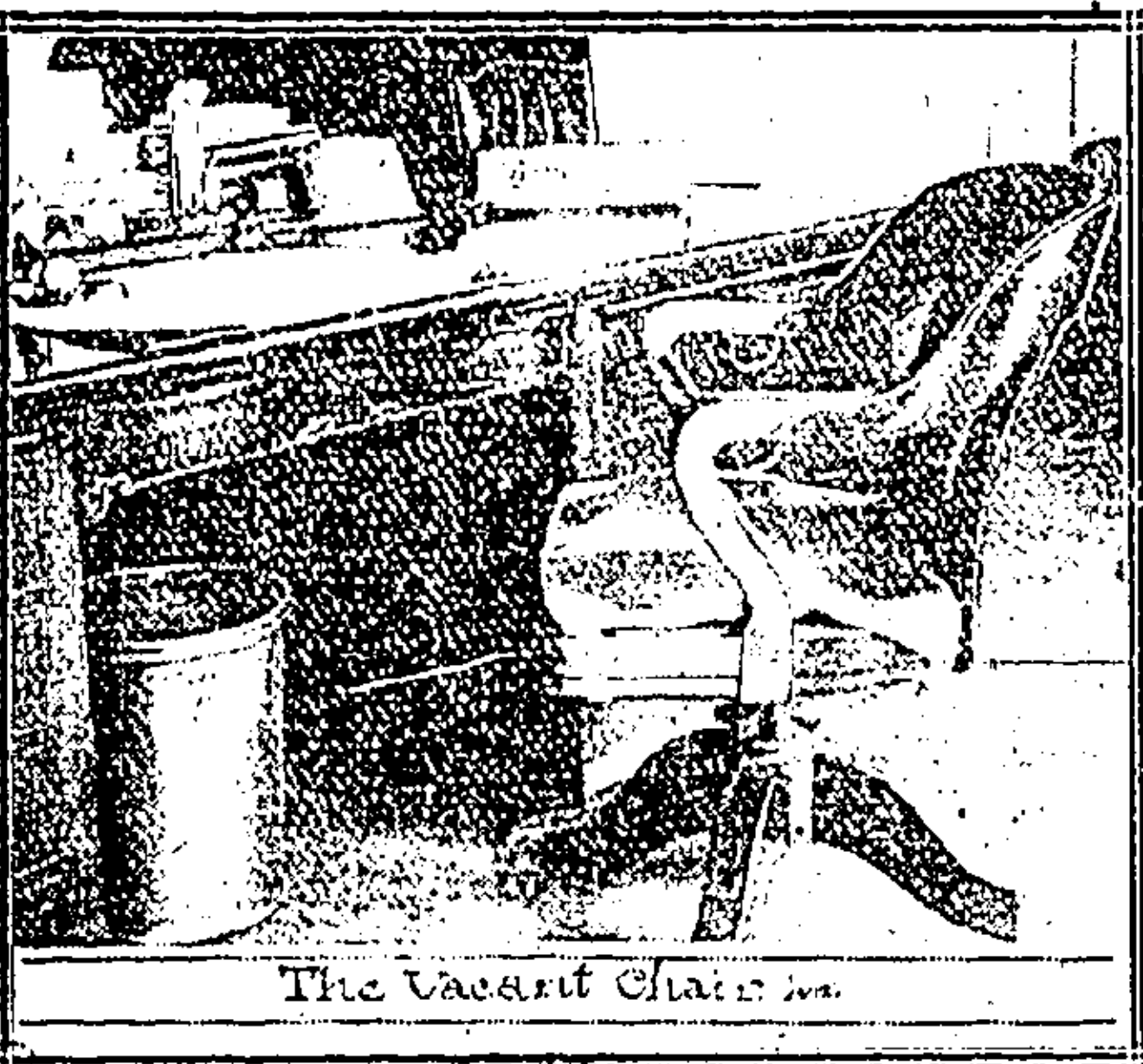
Lord Carnegie and Princess Maud.

Lord Carnegie, shown here wearing the colours of the Carnegie clan, Scotland, of which he is head, is soon to marry Princess Maud, daughter of the Princess of Fife, a sister of King George of England.



President & Mrs. Coolidge.

Above is shown a striking picture of President Coolidge and Mrs. Coolidge, standing on the rear platform of a Pennsylvania railroad train, on which they left New York City on their way to Washington, where the new Chief Magistrate of the nation assumed his duties.



The Vacant Chair.

This photograph shows the "vacant chair" at the late President Harding's desk in the Executive Offices of the White House in Washington. The office had just been renovated and was spick and span, waiting for the President's return, which will never be.



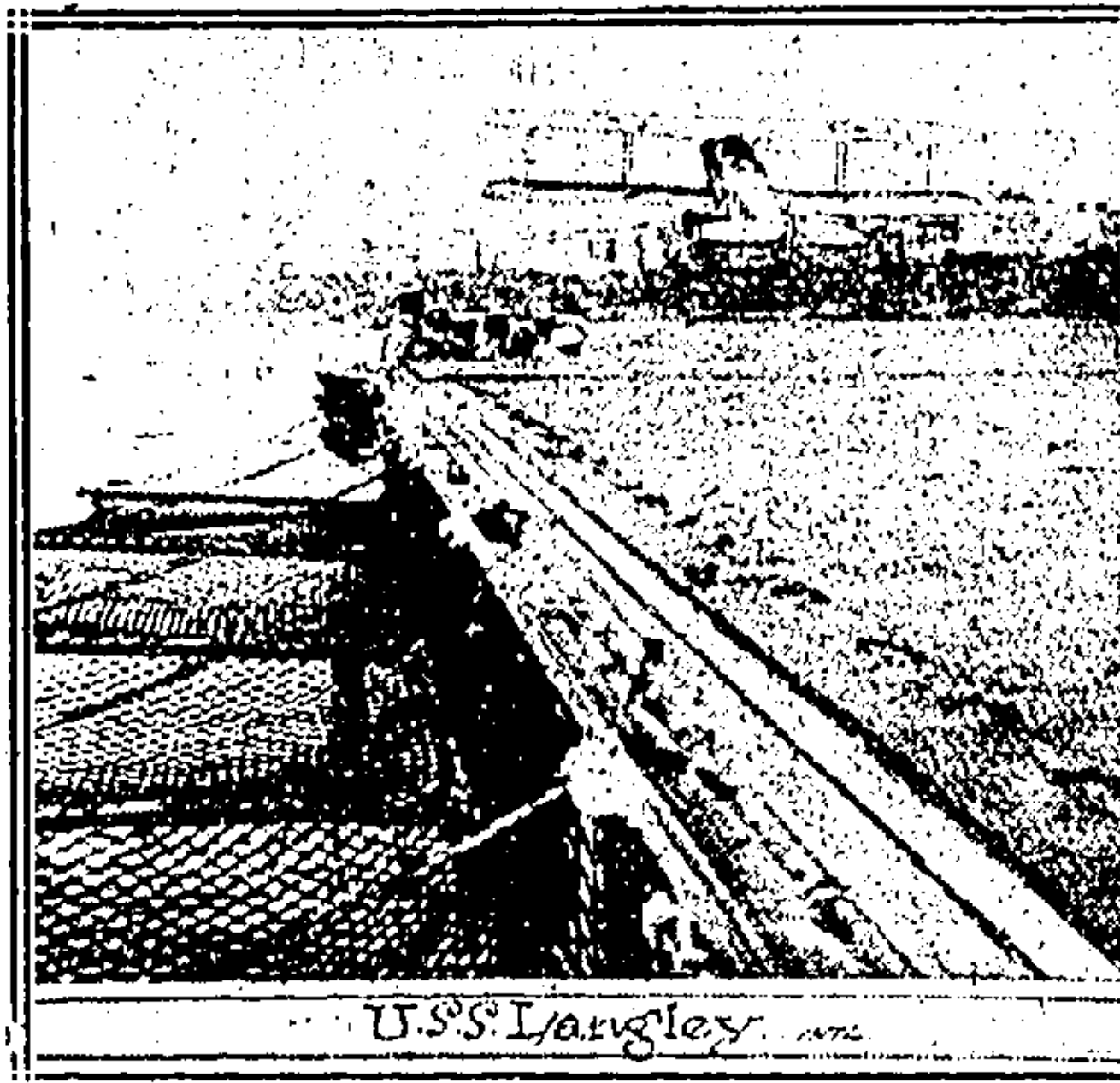
Turkish Peace Treaty.

For the first time in many years peace was at hand in the Near East, the Allied Powers and the Turks having signed a peace treaty at Lausanne, Switzerland. The photograph shows M. Venizelos signing for Greece, which loses considerable territory and many rights.



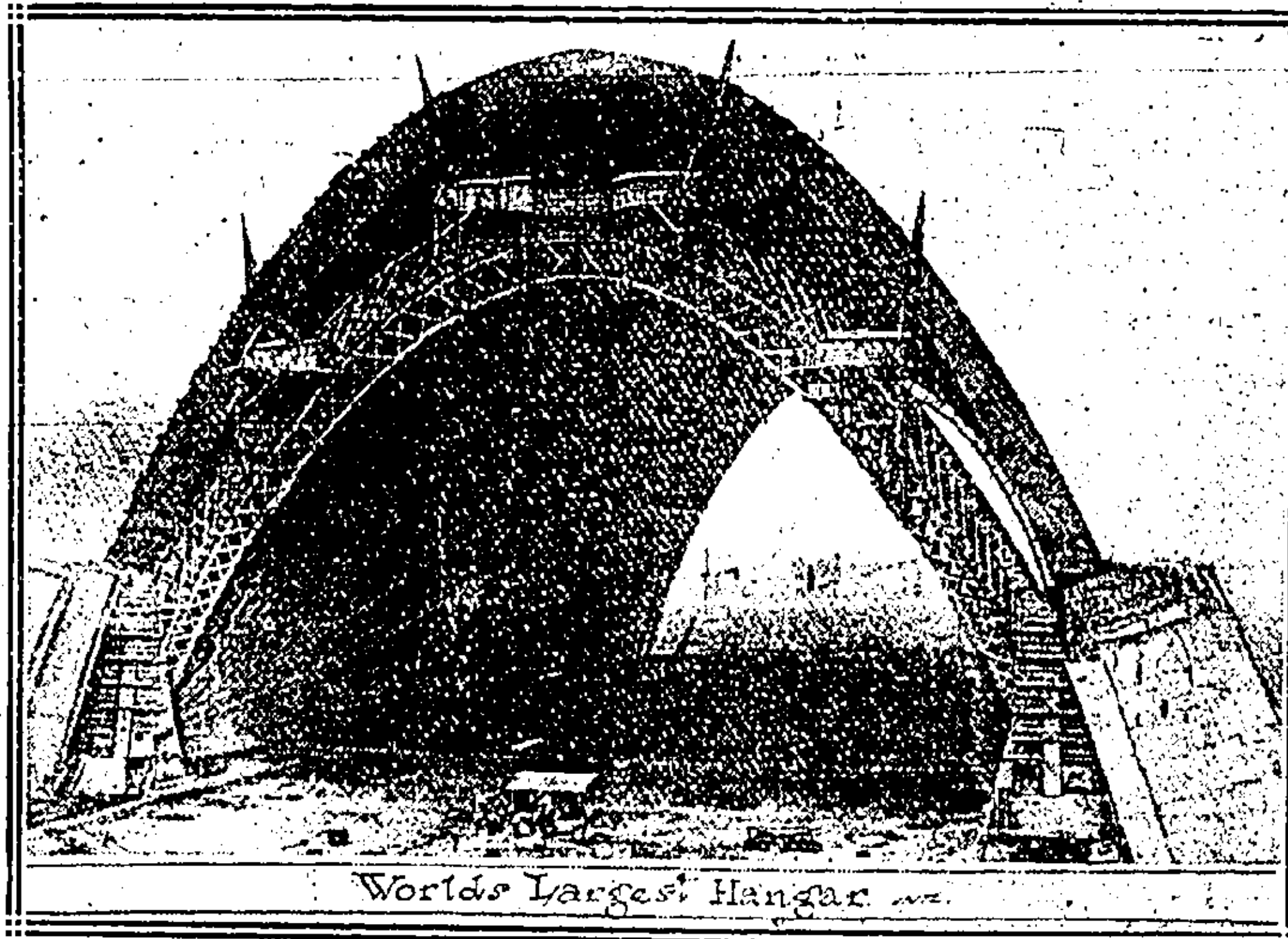
Miss Jane Early.

Miss Jane Early is the first and only woman lawyer in Ireland making her initial appearance in court at Drumcondra, where she won her case for her client.



U.S.S. Langley.

The first aeroplane, part of the large cargo carried in her hold, is shown taking off from the deck of the U.S.S. "Langley," first aeroplane carrier in the American Navy, now anchored in the Hudson River, New York City.



World's Largest Hangar.

Continuing its policy of maintaining land and air supremacy over the rest of the world, France has just completed, at Orly, near Fontainebleau, not far from Paris, the greatest dirigible hangar in the world—even surpassing the United States Navy hangar at Lakehurst, N. J. The immense hangar, built entirely of steel and concrete, is 200 feet high and 200 feet long and will be used for dirigibles under construction.



Earl Jennings & Constancia Zipriani. Below: Warden P.C. Thomas & Gov. Donahey.

A sensation has been caused in Ohio and in Canada by the vacation plans of Governor Victor Donahey, of Ohio, and Warden Preston C. Thomas, of the Ohio State Penitentiary, at Columbus. With their families, the Governor and the Warden were getting all settled for a long stay at the Gull River, near Cobocok, Ontario, Canada, when it was discovered that two of their servants were men who had been sentenced to life imprisonment in Ohio for murder. The Canadian officials announced the prisoners would be deported, and Donahey, who claimed his enemies were trying to make political capital of the event, declared he would leave Canada if the officials acted. The lifers are: Earl Jennings, who killed a man in a poolroom fight, and Costancia Zipriani, who killed a street car conductor.



Governor Jonathan M. Davis.

Governor Jonathan M. Davis, who is being boomed for the Democratic nomination for the Presidency in 1924, said in Chicago that while he was not actually a candidate he would not refuse the nomination if proffered to him and that his political future was in the hands of his friends.

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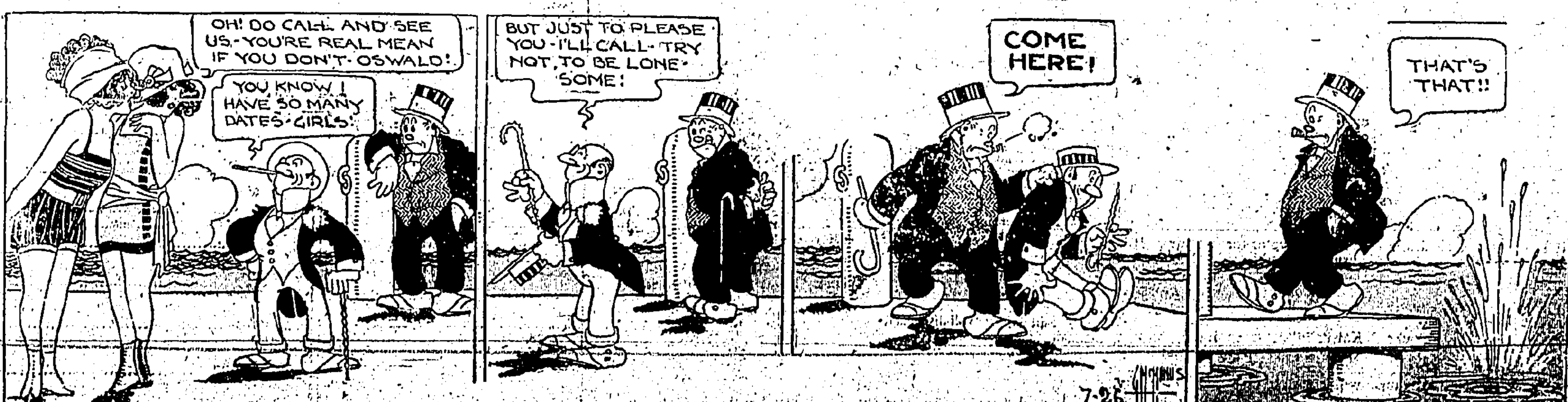
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EARLIER TELEGRAMS.

(Reuter's Service to the China Mail.)

RUHR SURRENDER.

Berlin, September 27. The President has issued a decree "aiming at restoration of public security," providing for the curtailment of constitutional rights, like the freedom of the press and the right of assembly, authorising domiciliary searches and seizures, giving executive power to the Minister of Defence, military commanders and civil commissioners and imposing heavy penalties for infringement, including death.

London, September 27. The Bavarian Government's proclamation at Munich, prescribing "temporary measures," follows closely the lines of President Ebert's, previously telegraphed. Further news of the trend of events is anxiously awaited in London, in view of earlier Berlin telegrams describing the electrical state of opinion resulting from national humiliation in consequence of the Ruhr surrender. Commissioner Von Kahr's move is firstly interpreted as separatist and fascist, on account of Von Kahr's well-known monarchist leanings; but the adoption of similar measures throughout the Reich is held to denote concerted action to safeguard peace in the critical situation.

Moscow, September 27. The German communists are pressing the Moscow party to grant support, on the ground that the moment is opportune, but the Soviets have replied that peaceful reconstruction is their principal aim and action is out of the question.

Treaty of Versailles. In connection with publication of Prof. Ebert's decree at Munich, the Bavarian Government has appealed to the Bavarian people saying that the Bavarian Government, recognising the necessity of abandonment of passive resistance, has agreed to the decision of the Government. The Reich warns the people not to be led by these deplorable developments into disturbances, which will only decrease their misery.

Doctor Kulling, the Bavarian Premier, speaking at a conference of Premiers in Berlin, emphatically declared that the Ruhr invasion was a violation of right and the Treaty of Versailles. He alleged that Britain recognised this and he asserted that the Treaty of Versailles having been broken by the invading Powers should no longer be regarded as binding by the Germans.

ANXIETY AT BERLIN.

Berlin, September 27. There is some anxiety here with regard to the appointment of Herr Von Kahr as Bavarian State Commissioner with dictatorial powers. It is considered that such an extreme measure proves that the situation in Bavaria is most serious and that the Bavarian Government is determined to use every means at its disposal to prevent any attempted coup by the Bavarian National Socialists under Herr Hitler.

The Tagblatt's Munich correspondent states that the object of the appointment of Von Kahr was to forestall a proclamation by Hitler as dictator, thus playing off the organisation of which Von Kahr is leader and which does not desire the severance of Bavaria from the Reich against Hitler's fighting league which does.

There is great nervousness in Munich, where it is believed Hitler intends a *Putsch*, which would not be confined to Bavaria.

SITUATION IN BULGARIA.

London, September 27. The very severe censorship at Sofia prevents accurate appraisal of the situation. It has hitherto withheld information of the reconstruction of the Cabinet on coalition lines. Moreover, it is now clear that the rising was originally fairly extensive, mainly agrarian, with a good sprinkling of communists, whereas Sofia semi-official despatches throw the bulk of the blame on the communists. The latest states that several thousand are still holding out in Ferdinand Borovitz district, where a check has been instituted and has hanged nineteen persons.

JANINA AWARD.

London, September 27. The decision of the Conference of Ambassadors to award fifty million lire to Italy was based on the fact that the culprits had not yet been discovered and instances of neglect by the Greek authorities in the conduct of the enquiry and the search for the culprits had been established.

The decision has led to some criticism both in Paris and in London. The Times, for example, remarks that the award is diplomatic rather than judicial and the view that the decision was not made upon the merits of the case, but simply with the idea of getting rid of the question seems likely to be widely shared.

EARLIER TELEGRAMS.

(Reuter's Service to the China Mail.)

BOLSHEVIK ACTIVITIES.

SIMLA, September 27. A message from Peshawar states that it is now estimated that there are between seventy and eighty thousand Russian fighting troops in Turkistan. The Persians are becoming anxious with regard to Bolshevik intentions.

There is a great deal of Bolshevik intrigue in Afghanistan and North Afghanistan is full of Bolshevik spies. It is suggested that it would suit the Bolshevik plans if they could overthrow the Afghan Government and then invade Afghanistan.

ODESSA AND JAPAN.

RIGA, September 27. The Japanese trade delegation has arrived at Riga and is proceeding to Odessa and Kharkoff with the object of promoting shipping and trade between Odessa and Japan.

A GOOD BARGAIN.

WEIHAIWEI REDEMPTION IS GOOD FOR CHINA.

PEKING, September 27. The first official text of the Weihaiwei Redemption draft agreement was issued this afternoon by the British Legation.

The British Government proposes to return the full sovereignty of Lankungtao to China. In return China will allow the British Navy the use of the anchorage after the Chinese Navy for a period of years which may be extended by mutual agreement.

The British Government does not ask for compensation for the naval lands and buildings on the Island, but in return the Chinese Government will loan certain lands and buildings to the British Navy for purposes of instruction and recreation.

Lankungtao will not be opened to foreign trade and residence but will be maintained by China as a naval base under the control of the Chinese Navy.

Similarly the whole of the leased territory on the mainland shall be returned to China, a small portion being set aside as an area for foreign trade and residence wherein a special municipal area will be established.

The British Government will return all Government lands and buildings gratis, the Chinese Government in return placing certain specified land and buildings at their disposal for use by the consulate and as a club, golf course and cemetery.

The territory will be governed by a Chinese Administrator appointed by the Central Government who will be assisted as far as the above-mentioned municipal area is concerned by a Sino-Foreign Advisory Committee.

The Chinese Government undertakes to maintain the existing police and sanitary regulations under which the territory has been well governed during the past quarter of a century.

The Chinese Maritime Customs will collect duties and control the harbour as in the Treaty Ports, a portion of the revenue being devoted to municipal expense and upkeep and construction of roads.

The foreign landowners in the territory will exchange their freehold titles for leases of thirty years duration renewable to holders at option on the same terms.

The British Government does not ask for monetary compensation from the Chinese Government for money expended on the maintenance and development of the territory during British occupation. The Chinese Government on its part agrees to inaugurate a system of motor and cart roads connecting Weihaiwei with the hinterland in the interests of the trade of the port.

Falling head-first from her seat beside the driver of a horse-brake as it was passing Epping Cottage Hospital, Mrs. Agnes Hare, of Museum-buildings, Bethnal Green, E., was seriously injured.

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On London—

Bank, Wire ... 2/3-1/2

On demand ... 2/3-1/2

30 days sight ... 2/3-1/2

4 months sight ... 2/3-1/2

Credits, 4 months sight ... 2/3-1/2

Documentary 4 months sight ... 2/3-1/2

On Paris—

On demand ... 880

On Berlin—

On demand ... nom.

On New York—

On demand ... 112

Credits, 60 days sight ... 112

On Bombay—

On demand ... 118

On Calcutta—

On demand ... 118

On Singapore—

On demand ... 118

On Manila—

On demand ... 118

On Shanghai—

On demand ... nom.

30 days sight (private paper) ... 118

On Yokohama—

On demand ... 108 1/2

Gold Loan, 100 fine (per ton) ... 48.80

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HONGKONG, SEPTEMBER 28, 1923.

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11 A.M.

Names. Stock Exchange. Sharebrokers Association.

BANKS.

U.S.B.C. T.T. selling rate

On London ... 2/3

On Shanghai ... 2/3

Hongkong Bank ... 108 1/2 (1100) a. b. 107 1/2 sa. 1100

Chartered Bank ... 108 1/2 b. 107 1/2

P. & O. Bank ... 108 1/2 b. 107 1/2

West Asia Bank ... 108 1/2 b. 107 1/2

Mandarin Bank & E. S. 108 1/2 b. 107 1/2

Merchants Bank & E. S. 108 1/2 b. 107 1/2

Various Insurances.

Canton Insurance ... 840 b.

North China Insurance ... 140 b.

Union Insurance ... 320 b.

Insurance Yangtze ... 87 a.

Far Easterns ... 27

Fire Insurances.

China Fire Insurance ... 1244 b.

Hongkong Fire Insurance ... 467 1/2 b.

Shanghai Fire Insurance ... 467 1/2 b.

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7.00 a.m. to 7.10 a.m. Every 15 Minutes

7.20 " " 7.30 " " Every 10 Minutes

7.40 " " 7.50 " " Every 10 Minutes

8.00 " " 8.10 " " Every 10 Minutes

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